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Filing by computer - especially if you have a large bulk of material and many complex entries to deal with - is by no means as easy as, for example, ABC. There are problems in using manufacturers' collating sequences for this purpose: problems in dealing with punctuation, problems in dealing with output function codes, problems occasioned by strange sequencing dictated by historical or engineering considerations.

The Bro-Dart Foundation has published the first computer-compatible filing code designed to deal with complex index and catalog entries. Three years in the making (see Dr. Hines' article in the ADI Proceedings, 1963), the code has been programmed and tested on two computer-based library book catalogs, with a third in progress. The entry formation system has been tested on the indexes for a number of books, including Modern Men of Science (McGraw-Hill, 1966).

The code makes specific suggestions on formatting meaningful entries so as to avoid the use of special filing symbols, manually generated sequencing number, "file as if" statements and other methods requiring extra look-up, extra keyboarding, and complicated proofreading routines.

The book, which has an introduction by Dr. Maurice F. Tauber, Melvil Dewey Professor of Library Service at Columbia University, includes a number of special additional features:

...a rule-by-rule comparison, with examples, comparing very complex entries filed by the Hines-Harris code with arrangement of the same entries by the A. L. A. Filing Rules, a widely used standard.

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